

**Spencer County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Wednesday, September 26, 2007 - 7:30pm CDT
SWCD Office**

**THIS MEETING HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE ABOVE
TIME AND PLACE**

1. Minutes from the August meeting
2. Financial Report
 - ✓ Treasurer's report (Stephanie)
 - ✓ Claims (Stephanie)
3. Old Business
 - ✓ No-Till Field Day (Trish)
 - ✓ Budget (Council Approved) (Stephanie)
 - ✓ Affiliate Membership Certificates - to be signed (Stephanie)
 - ✓ Website Update (Trish)
 - ✓ Drainage Board Project (Trish)
4. Items on Hold
 - ✓
5. New Business
 - ✓ Agenda/Reports (Council requested emailing) (Stephanie)
 - ✓ RULE 5 - () Evaluations, () Complaints, () Reviews (No new ones) (Trish)
 - ✓ Annual Conference Delegates (Stephanie)
 - ✓ Anderson River Watershed Study (Trish)
 - ✓ Drainage 101 Class feed back (Trish)
6. Staff & Partner Reports
 - ✓ Trish
 - ✓ Stephanie
 - ✓ Keela
 - ✓ Rita
 - ✚ Conservation plans
 - ✚ 1. Neal Thomas - 6.3 acres; shallow wildlife watering facility
 - ✚ 2. Scott Singleton - grassed waterway
7. Other Business
 - ✓

Spencer County Soil & Water Conservation District August Meeting Minutes

The Spencer County Soil & Water Conservation District met on August 27, 2007 at the SWCD office. The following Supervisors and Associates were present. David Ayer, Burke Sibrel, Alan Waninger, Mike Roos, Mark Lubbehusen, Roy Raider, Phil Schmidt, Brian Rahman and Paul Giles. SWCD Staff present were: Stephanie Litherland and Trish Dugas. NRCS staff present were: Keela Deaton.

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the July minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Stephanie gave financial report- \$31,329.80 - balance. Motion was made and seconded to approve balance as given. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to pay the following claims:

Business Equipment District:	\$102.69
Trish Dugas	\$ 34.00
Stephanie Litherland	\$ 56.64
Spencer County Journal	<u>\$ 90.40</u>
Total	\$283.73

Trish stated that there were 52 people in attendance at the Wetland Field Day, hosted by Paul and Cindy Giles. Mark stated that he had spoke with a woman who would like to come back within 3-4 years to see the progress. Mark suggested we keep this in mind. Paul also stated that he had people asking to tour the wetland.

Trish updated the board on plans for the No-Till Field Day. Tentative dates are November 26th, with a combination Board Meeting, or December 3rd. Topics would pertain to pesticides and residue. Possible speakers are Phil Schmidt, Barry Fisher, and Shannon Zezula. Trish will send emails asking for these people to speak, other than Phil, who has already agreed to. A meal will be served, starting at 5:30pm. Trish will report back at the next board meeting.

Stephanie reminded the board that the budget hearing is Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 10:45am. Mark will attend, along with Stephanie and Trish.

Keela reported on FSA's restructuring plan, and what counties could be affected.

Trish asked the board if they had any resolutions for the 2008 Annual Business Meeting. The board did not have any ideas.

Trish gave reports on Rule 5 reviews: Jason Shourds' Lake Site, Rockport and Luce Elementary Schools, Vectren, Arnold Lake, Fairway Condos, Bio Fuels, Herman Etienne, and Holiday World. Trish stated that the general public isn't aware a Rule 5 needs to be submitted when a landowner builds a pond/lake, even if 1 acre is disturbed. Trish stated she had made a brochure with information on Rule 5 and have given some to Theresa Cail with the Planning and Zoning Commission and Rita Stallings with the Health Department.

Stephanie asked the board to pay \$85.00 for her registration to attend the IDEA (Indiana District's Employee Association) workshop to be held October 23rd and 24th in Evansville. Motion was made and seconded to approve the \$85.00 fee.

Trish handed out the Spencer County Storm Water Management Policy for the board's information and review. Phil stated this mainly concerns factories and their storm water runoff and how it affects property owners. The policy is proposing to install a dam to prevent the flooding.

Trish passed out a District vehicle proposal that John Hurley had compiled before he left. Trish was concerned about driving her personal vehicle to do SWCD work, and thought this could possibly save the District money if they bought a company vehicle. It was the consensus of the board that Trish should not drive her personal car into a corn field, but that they feel it would be cheaper to pay her mileage. Mark stated that if Trish's work load increased considerably with Rule 5 issues, there may be a possibility to go before the Council and ask for a district vehicle.

Stephanie passed around an email she received about the River Friendly Farmers attending the State Fair. Raymond Kern in our candidate.

The board reviewed Trish and Stephanie's monthly reports.

Keela stated she and Mary Lee have been surveying and doing construction checks and making progress on designs.

In Rita's absence Keela passed out Conservation Plans for Waninger Brothers and Druschel Roessler. Also passed around was a confined feeding operation for Leon Dilger.

Stephanie passed around a thank you letter from John Hurley for being able to serve as our Summer Intern.

Stephanie had Mark and Burke sign two Affiliate Membership certificates.

Stephanie passed out an update on the SSCD CWI proposals.

Stephanie asked the board if she could buy a money box to use for annual meetings, field days, etc. After much discussion, it was decided not to purchase this.

Trish stated that she sent an email to former governor, Ed Whitcomb asking him to be a speaker at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Trish asked the board to approve/sign a drainage project support letter to be sent to Perry and Dubois SWCDs, who in turn would solicit help to get their councils on board.

Stephanie asked the board to sponsor the RC&D's Education Committee's project, AgWorks, to be held Saturday, November 3rd at the Spencer County 4-H Center, from 9:00am-1:00pm. This is the 2nd such workshop to be offered to women in agriculture. Motion was made and seconded to approve the \$50.00 sponsorship, and also for Stephanie and Trish's registration of \$15.00 each.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

District Program Administrator Report
For
September 24, 2007

August 20th – Minutes/Agenda/Mailing; IDEA items; Misc NRCS work

August 21st – Filing; IDEA sponsor letters; Earth Team Volunteer items; Recons

August 22nd – Updating SWCD Area Directory; Earth Team Volunteer items; Education Meeting; Recons; Misc NRCS work

August 23rd – Payroll/Courthouse; Updating SWCD Area Directory; IDEA items

August 24th – Updating SWCD Area Directory; IDEA items

August 27th – Financial Report/Board Items; SWCD Area Directory; Misc Office

August 28th – Filing/Misc Office; Board Minutes; Budget Hearing; IDEA registrations

August 30th – Filing/Misc Office; IDEA registrations; SWCD Directory

August 31st – Lending Library; NRCS payments with Cheryl; Recons

September 3rd – Holiday

September 4th – Recons; Lending Library; Wetland determinations/Rita; Soil Scoop

September 5th – Filing; Recons; IDEA registrations

September 6th – Payroll/Deposit; Soil Scoop; CRP forms/Liz

September 7th – IDEA registrations; Soil Scoop; Recons

September 10th – IDEA registrations; Soil Scoop; Recons

September 11th – Filing; Balancing statement/ledger; Misc NRCS work/Rita

September 12th – Recons

September 13th – Off (worked 4, 8-hour days)

September 14th – Filing; Recons; Soil Scoop; Deposit

NRCS = 59%

SWCD = 41%

Spencer County Soil & Water Conservation District Technician Report

September Meeting

Aug 20th *Aug 24th

Monday---CRP Prep work **D N 7**

Tuesday---Worked on Rule 5 items, worked with Rita Stallings on possible lake problem, Commissioner's Meeting, Council meeting **D 11 N 0**

Wednesday ---Worked on Drainage Project items, answered phones, helped with customers on NRCS problems off and on during the day **D 7.50 N 1.50**

Thursday---No-Till Workshop, Education Meeting **D 6.75 N 0**

Friday---No-Till Workshop grant planning **D 6.75 N 0**

Aug 27th *31st

Monday---Worked on report for September, wetland determination, Rule 5 **D 1 N 6.50**

Tuesday---Budget Hearing, wetland determinations **D 3 N 4**

Wednesday---Wetland determination **D 0 N 8**

Thursday--- Wetland determination, Drainage task meeting **D 2 N 7.50**

Friday---Web Meeting, wetland determinations **D 2 N 5**

Sept 3rd *Sept 7th

Monday---Holiday Labor Day **D 0 N 0**

Tuesday---Rule 5 plan reviews, and site visits, No-Till workshop **D 7 N 0**

Wednesday---Indianapolis for Drainage Class **D 15 N 0**

Thursday---Off

Friday---Off

Sept 10th *Sept 14th

Monday---Off

Tuesday---CRP prep, Drainage Project **D 2.50 N 2**

Wednesday---Drainage project **D 8 N 0**

Thursday---Drainage project, CRP prep **D 4 N 3**

Friday---Drainage project, CRP prep **D 4.50 N 2.50**

District 63 % NRCS 37 %